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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

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CONVERTING AND REMOVING ORGANOSULFUR AND OTHER OXIDIZABLE COMPOUNDS FROM

DISTILLATE FUELS, AND COMPOSITIONS OBTAINED

THEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.